



*Week 4*  
*Jesus*  
*Luke 2:1-7*

## *Talk about it*

How can you show people that you love them? You can write them a note, do something nice for them, give them a hug, or just tell them! As we get closer to Christmas, we can remember how God showed His love for us. He sent Jesus! Let's open the Bible and see how the world was changed forever when Jesus was born. We are going to open the second part of the Bible, the New Testament and read in the book of Luke.

## *Read it*

Luke 2:1-7

## *Ask it*

What is something that you really care about? (Give kids a chance to talk about people or things that they cherish and care for.) What would you do for that special person or thing to show that you care? (This can be fun like giving them a gift, or it can be sincere like protecting them from the rain.)

God showed us how He truly loves us by sending His Son to earth. God wants us to have a relationship with Him, but we were separated from Him because of the wrong things we think, say, and do. The Bible calls these wrongs sin. We have all sinned, and there is a fair punishment due because of our sin (see Romans 3:23 and 6:23). Jesus came and took the punishment we deserve because He loves us! (Romans 5:8) When we trust in Jesus and respond to Him in faith, we can know God! We can talk to Him, and we can show His love to others!

## *Sing it*

Light the LOVE candle (purple) and sing "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

## *Do it*

- **Christmas Story Dice**
  - Roll the dice and talk about the part of the story represented.
    - You can look up the verses and read them.
    - Talk about how this part of the story demonstrates God love for us.

## *Pray it*

Take some time to pray as a family and ask God that He would give you an opportunity to share the hope He has given you in this season.

*God, thank You for giving us hope by sending Your Son for us. Please help us remember that You will finish what You have begun in each of us through Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.*

\*Devotion taken from Lifeway Kids Advent Guide 2022



# Extension Activities

- Learn about and pray for friends sharing the love of Jesus in our city and around the world.



**Hillcrest Hope**

- What would it like to be without a home? What would you miss?
- Hillcrest Hope helps those who do not have a home borrow one so they can feel safe. While they do this, they learn important skills and get the help that they need to be able to get their own home.
- Pray for:
  - Thank you God for Hillcrest Hope who helps people who do not have a home find a home.
  - Please help every family at Hillcrest find a job.
  - Thank you that Briarcliff Church can help clean the apartments and give the people food.
  - Please help a lot of volunteers come to help the families.

**Church Partner in La Falda, Argentina**

- Find Argentina on a globe/map!
- Practice saying “Merry Christmas” in Spanish
- Listen to “Silent Night” in Spanish
- Pray for:
  - Local Argentine Pastor’s lead the church with wisdom.
  - La Falda community to know the love of Jesus through the church
  - Briarcliff community grow in our love for the church in La Falda and to obey God when He asks us to go.



**Parkville Women’s Clinic**

- Do you think God loves babies? Do you think God loves Mom and Dads? Yes! He even sent His Son as a baby! He gave His Son Jesus parents on earth! God loves families!
- Parkville Women’s Clinic helps Moms, Dads, and babies.
- Pray:
  - Thank you God for PWC as they help new moms and dads.
  - Please help a lot of volunteers sign up to help at PWC.
  - Thank you for the new babies
  - Thank you for all the staff at PWC who love each person who walks in the door.

## • Drinking Straws and Word Cards Bible Verse Review Game

- Use the Bible verse provided and cut on the dotted lines . Give each child a straw and have them spread out the cards in front of them so that all the cards are showing. Children have to place the straw in their mouths and try to work together to put all the cards in order to make the verse without using their hands.
  - Challenge: You could also time each family member and see who can put the verse in the correct order fastest using the straws!
- Read the verse together once it is put in order

